

## BUSINESS CHECK SHOWS INCREASE

Research Conducted Here Last December Made Public by Associated Ad Clubs of World.

### RETAIL SALES FIFTH GREATER

Report Contained in Official Publication of Organization Proves Wave of Prosperity Is Present.

Retail sales by leading merchants in this community in six representative lines of business show great increases in November, 1915, over November, 1914, and substantiate the statement that an unprecedented wave of prosperity is here.

While data were supplied by merchants of Rock Island when the business research was conducted by the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World last November, only reports regarding conditions in Moline and Davenport are contained in the January issue of "Associated Advertising," the official publication of the organization.

In Moline there was an average increase of 22 per cent in retail sales. In Davenport the increase was 10 per cent. Rock Island data are likely included in the Moline report and the increase in the Plow city can be taken as indicative of that for Rock Island. That prosperity is country-wide is shown in the general average increase for the United States of 15.93 per cent.

The recapitulation for Davenport and Moline shows a divergence in all lines of business, the consumer demands of the two cities varying somewhat. The six lines taken as representative by the ad club investigators are department stores, grocery, clothing, hardware, drug and jewelry. Following shows in per cent the increases of November, 1915, over November, 1914, in the two cities:

	Moline, Davenport.
Department stores	27
Grocery	2
Clothing	60
Hardware	18
Drug	9
Jewelry	17
General average	22

It will be noted that only in one instance, in the grocery sales in Moline, was there a decrease in the two cities. This decrease in the Plow city is explained as being the result of a number of families removing to other cities during the year. However, since the exodus has been checked and numbers are returning, an increase in retail grocery sales may be looked for when the research is conducted again next December.

#### Clothing Sales Large.

The greatest outstanding feature in the report on the two cities is the showing made by Moline clothing stores, in which the increased retail sales amounted to 60 per cent. The department stores also had good sales, an increase of 27 per cent being realized.

In Davenport the hardware stores

## ROCK ISLAND MAN GIVES EVIDENCE

His Testimony Will Interest Every Rock Island Reader.

The value of local evidence is indisputable. It is the kind of evidence we accept as true because we know we can prove it for ourselves. There has been plenty of such evidence in the Rock Island papers lately, and this straightforward testimony has established a confidence in the minds of Rock Island people that will not be easily shaken.

Clyde Johnson, conductor, 3109 Sixth avenue, Rock Island, says: "The jarring and jolting of the cars weakened my kidneys and brought on backache. Many times when I tried to get up after sitting, I had to take hold of something, as sharp pain caught me in the small of my back. My kidneys acted too often and the kidney secretions were scanty and painful. I also had pains in the back of my head. I used two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills and they gave me relief."

Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Johnson had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.—(Adv.)

## DON'T RUB THE SPOT THAT HURTS—IT'S RHEUMATISM

You cannot rub out Rheumatism. You can get temporary relief, but the blood must be cleansed to make it permanent.

It is natural to rub the spot that hurts when the stabbing pains are causing agony, when joints and muscles are sore and stiff; that is the time when liniments and plasters are called upon to relieve the distress. The fallacy of such treatments and its danger lies in the fact that it may afford temporary relief, it lulls the victim into a sense of security, meanwhile the insidious poison of Uric Acid slowly, but surely, is getting a stronger grip upon the entire system. Rheumatism is one of the most dangerous of blood diseases, for the reason that it transforms its victims' life into a period of misery and suffering—a veritable living torment. If you suffer from Acute Rheumatism, Sciatica, Lumbago, Muscular Rheumatism or this fearful trouble in any form, you know that these words are true. There is only one way to get permanent relief from Rheumatism. Too much acid in the blood is one cause, stomach troubles, indigestion, weak kidneys, constipation are

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ROCK ISLAND, ILL. THIRD AVENUE

## Have You Seen Pollyanna?

A Gage Hat  
of  
Unusual Merit  
Distinctive  
Exclusive  
Original

Typical of the Gage  
Line and representing  
the latest thing in up-  
to-date headwear.

We Have It on Display Now

Drop in and try on this pretty hat



made the best showing in increases, the amount being 20 per cent. Clothing stores were second with 18 per cent.

Consumer demand in 1915, as indicated by retail sales throughout the United States increased approximately 16 per cent over 1914, and collections improved materially, according to the second annual report of the merchandising research committee of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World. In compiling this report November was taken as the index month and the work was started Dec. 1, they day following the closing of the books for November.

Figures showing the increased sales in each line throughout the United States follow:

Department stores	19.0
Grocery	8.8
Clothing	17.9
Hardware	18.3
Drug	11.6
Jewelry	18.9
General average	15.93

Encouraging increases in sales in all lines investigated were reported practically everywhere in the United States.

The report was compiled through the assistance of over 1,000 investigators who called upon and interviewed merchants.

## KAVANAUGH SCORES JUSTICE TRAITORS

Marcus A. Kavanaugh, judge of the superior court of Chicago, graduate of Notre Dame, and one of the noted worthies of the country because of the agitation he is leading for quicker and more efficient justice, spoke at Augustana college last evening, his subject dealing with the work in which he is laboring "Traitors to Justice." Judge Kavanaugh, besides being intimately connected with the bar, has studiously endeavored to better it, and the tedious delays of justice, the weighty importance often placed on technicalities, all share in the reform movement which is being formulated by many of the leading lawyers of the nation.

The lecture, because of its terseness, its present importance, its able presentation, and because of the man who presented it, was of more than passing interest. Judge Kavanaugh related incidents which had occurred in cases tried in his court, cases in which he had sought by studying precedent to discern between right and wrong, and by this studying learned of other cases, and the injustice of justice was vividly pictured.

White buttons, which have been confined to the seclusion enjoyed by undergarments for men will have to be used on suits and overcoats very soon unless the embargo on logwood dyes is raised. We creatures may then choose between safety pins and a proud stare or the undyed fasteners that will make them resemble the bell hops in up-to-date hotels.

## RUEBLING READY TO ENTER PRISON

Scott County Wife Slayer Dismisses Attorneys Who Would Fight for His Freedom.

### HOPE IS ENTIRELY GONE

Declines to Have His Case Appealed to Supreme Court After Bond Is Determined.

I want to go down to Ft. Madison penitentiary and serve my sentence of 20 years. I have discharged my attorneys, Ely & Bush, and have settled with them. I do not want the case appealed to the supreme court.

(Signed) CARL RUEBLING, SR.

Like a bolt from the blue comes the announcement of Carl Ruebling, Sr., of Davenport, that he will accept the verdict of the law, the sentence imposed by the court, and serve 20 years at Ft. Madison penitentiary.

Ruebling has, since sentence was imposed, been sitting in his cell in his usual state of silence. He had been pondering deeply on the 20-year sentence. He called for Sheriff Eckhardt yesterday and announced his decision. He asked for his attorneys and N. D. Ely called at the jail. After a talk of many minutes the settlement was effected and Ruebling had decided to let the law take its course.

Upon hearing Ruebling's decision the sheriff wrote out the statement and it was signed by the convicted man. Ruebling was apparently much relieved and for the first time since the day he was taken into custody, talked freely.

That he wanted to get the trouble off his mind was the reason Ruebling gave for his action in accepting the sentence of the lower court and not seeking a reversal of the verdict.

"I'm tired of worrying about this," was his calm comment and a smile twisted his mouth—the first one since the murder—"I'm glad to get it off my mind. The worry was slowly killing me."

"Even if I did appeal to the supreme court, it might mean a delay of a year or more, and I probably would have to serve the time anyway. I might just as well start now and have it over with. It relieves me very much."

#### Regrets His Crime.

"I talked with my attorney and I decided to abandon the fight. I would rather serve my 20 years, than have a year of worry such as the one just past. I regret my act more than I can say, but I have been punished, and my punishment is not complete. When the sheriff takes me I will be ready to leave."

It is probable that Ruebling will be taken to Ft. Madison by Sheriff Eckhardt within the next few days. The statement was entered on the records of the court.

His decision saved the county considerable expense in fighting the case in the supreme court. The prosecuting attorney had little to say regarding the case.

## COMMISSION GIVE MAYOR FINE CANE

William McConochie Tendered Dinner in Honor of 69th Birthday at New Harper.

Members of the municipal commission took opportunity yesterday on the occasion of Mayor William McConochie's 69th birthday, to tender him a little dinner at the New Harper at 6 o'clock last evening, during the course of which City Attorney J. K. Scott, acting for the commission, presented him with a beautiful gold headed cane, properly inscribed. The mayor made a fitting response, followed by felicitations by the commission.

Judge W. T. Church was a guest of honor and being a former mayor of Alledo, he was enabled to relate a number of experiences in his own career which added to the enjoyment of the celebration.

## RECEIVE PROGRAM FOR PADEREWSKI

Famous Player to Be Heard in Recital at the Moline Theatre Friday Evening.

Following is the program to be presented by Paderewski at the Moline theatre next Friday evening:

- Fantasia, op. 15 ..... Schubert
- Allegro con fuoco
- Adagio
- Presto
- Allegro
- (a) La Bandonine ..... F. Conperin
- (b) Le Carillon de Cythere ..... F. Conperin
- (c) Le Concon ..... C. Daquin
- Etudes Symphoniques ..... Schumann
- (a) Nocturne in E Major, op. 61.....
- (b) Etudes, Nos. 10, 7 and 11, op. 25
- (c) Mazurka in A Minor, op. 17.....
- (d) Scherzo in B flat Minor ..... S. Chopin
- Rhapsodie Hongroise ..... Liszt

When an artist becomes by general

### PUZZLED.

Hard, Sometimes, to Raise Children.

Children's taste is oftentimes more accurate, in selecting the right kind of food to fit the body, than that of adults. Nature works more accurately through the children.

A Brooklyn lady says: Our little boy had been troubled with weak digestion. We could never persuade him to take more than one taste of any kind of cereal food. He was a weak little chap and we were puzzled to know what to feed him on.

"One lucky day we tried Grape-Nuts. Well, you never saw a child eat with such a relish, and it did me good to see him. From that day on it seemed as though we could almost see him grow. He would eat Grape-Nuts for breakfast and supper, and I think he would have liked the food for dinner."

"The difference in his appearance is something wonderful. My husband had never fancied cereal foods of any kind, but he became very fond of Grape-Nuts and has been much improved in health since using it."

"We are now a healthy family and naturally believe in Grape-Nuts. A friend has two children who were formerly afflicted with rickets. I was satisfied that the disease was caused by lack of proper nourishment. The children showed it. So I urged her to use Grape-Nuts as an experiment and the result was almost magical."

"They continued the food and today both children are as well and strong as any children in this city, and, of course, my friend is a firm believer in Grape-Nuts for she has the evidence before her eyes every day." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.—(Adv.)

consent a standard by which all other artists of the same kind are judged and graded, it means but one thing, that he is indisputably supreme. Such a position Paderewski has held for twenty-odd years in which his playing has enchanted the peoples of five continents. This is said in no wise derogatory to the many great pianists who are doing their share to foster the love of music throughout the world. It is but another illustration of the relentless law of selection and elimination, which, working, perhaps unconsciously, in the mind of the public, gives final place in history to the artist and his work.

When Paderewski first dazzled the world with the beauty of his playing, he opened a new era for the pianoforte, discovering unguessed possibilities in that instrument. Liszt reformed and enlarged the technique of the keyboard. Paderewski has done the same for the pedals, revealing the wondrous command of color that lies in them. This is his greatest contribution to pianists of today and tomorrow. It was he who first made the pianoforte "sing" a melody so that the listener almost forgets that it is an instrument of percussion. And of this art he is still the unsurpassable master. The union of his extraordinarily sensitive touch and his skill in the use of pedals has made him unique among pianists of our time.

With the years that have passed since he won his first triumphs, Paderewski, true artist that he is, has grown greatly, broadened much. At first his art was distinguished chiefly by its exquisite lyric beauty. Today it has the heroic grandeur of the epic. Where once it enticed, now it commands; yet that same lyric quality which made him famous is still at his call when need be. The sterner traits which time has developed merely emphasize and strengthen the lovely characteristics of his earlier days.

This development is merely typical of the man himself. In him are united the soul of the poet and the clear-thinking, logical mind of the man of affairs. A reticence as of the philosopher is enhanced by a charm of conversation which none can resist. An eagerness to know all that is new is tempered by the sane conservatism of experience. An ardent patriotism is sharpened by contrast with the breadth of view of the true cosmopolitan. Quick to sympathy, charitable and generous in judgment of others, of himself he is a most exacting of critics.

Paderewski is now in the full development of his maturity. As he was in the beginning of his astonishing career, so is he now—a solitary figure in the world of music. His hold on the public, professional and lay alike, has never been firmer. Mentally, physically and temperamentally, he has been fitted for his life's work so as to make him stand out in high relief from the artists of his generation. Popular fancy has so woven legends about him that in a less prosaic, materialistic age he would be a figure in myth. Even as it is, the mystery of his art so enshrouds him that before he strikes a chord on his instrument he has his listeners bound to him, as if by a spell.

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## MARRIAGE HERMIT SUCCUMBS A MISER

New York, Jan. 12.—Fritz Podzius, widely known as "Cupid Podzius," editor of the Matrimonial News, who claimed to have brought about the marriage of 20,000 couples, died here today.

Podzius also issued a Berlin copy of his newspaper, called the Heirats Zeitung. He was a bachelor and lived as a recluse, subsisting mainly on apples and tea. Several bankbooks were found in his bedroom, hidden in secret places, and sums of money in various nooks.

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**Libby's Milk**

Tell the milkman not to call for a week—let your grocer bring you Libby's Milk instead—and watch the saving. Libby's Milk is pure, rich milk made more than twice as rich by evaporation and sterilized. Keeps indefinitely until opened—over twice as long as ordinary milk after it is opened. No waste—no left overs—no ice—always ready when you want it.

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**Of Wills That are Broken**

it is said that eighty-five per cent are contested on the ground that they were made in dotage and lack the consideration of a well balanced mind.

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